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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/813,311	Applicant(s) HARA ET AL.	
	Examiner Daniel Zirker	Art Unit 1771	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. The Examiner notes the presence of several minor informalities in the claims and suggests that they be corrected. In claim 13 which has incorporated the written out "film adhesive" language of cancelled claim 1 it is suggested that "film adhesive" be changed to -adhesive film- in the two places it is found. Also, in claim 19, line 1 "a" should be -the-.
3. Claims 13-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either JP '955 Patent Abstract or Kawate et al. Each of the references is again relied upon as set forth in Paragraphs 4 and 6, respectively of Paper No. 113005, as rendering obvious applicants' claimed adhesive film being utilized in a method of sealing chip type devices which includes the steps of heating and press-adhering the adhesive film followed by curing it to seal a plurality of chip-type devices at one time. Note, in addition to the previously referred to extensive disclosure in Kawate et al (e.g. the Abstract, Col 6, line 58-Col 7 line 3, lines 52-55, Col 8, lines 9-12), the teaching in JP '955 that the adhesive can be thermally press bonded under a relatively low pressure. Applicants only briefly mention the fact that the independent method claim requires sealing a plurality of chip-type devices at one time, and also state in their specification (page 3, lines 3-5) that the prior art methods such as in JP '955 are suitable for only sealing one, not a plurality, of chip type devices. However, the Examiner believes that sealing a plurality of chip type devices at one time in the manner disclosed (and inferred) by each of the references in this highly sophisticated and technically advanced

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art is **prima facie** a variable well within the ordinary skill of the art. In summary, the Examiner must note that in view of the above disclosure and the extensive skill of the art this is a parameter upon which the burden of proof regarding the nonobviousness of sealing a plurality of chips at one time using the claimed method is with applicants, which to date has not been met. Finally, with respect to the newly added dependent claims 15-24 these all involve additional elements of the adhesive layer which were previously dealt with in the initial Office Action.

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Zirker whose telephone number is 571-272-1486. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 to 6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris, can be reached on 571 - 272 - 1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Daniel Zirker
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Zirker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.